MINUTES PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE May 24, 2011

Minutes of the Pierce County Districting Committee are not verbatim; however, audio recordings are available upon request.

1. Call to Order

The Pierce County Districting Committee meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Seinfeld.

2. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll; there were three members present and a quorum (Abernathy was excused and Blair was excused at the time of roll call).

Committee Members present: Karen Seinfeld, Chair; Deryl McCarty, Vice Chair; Kenneth Blair, Member (arrived at 7:45 p.m.); and Sam Ross, Member.

Staff present: Steven Garrett, Districting Master; and Denise Greer, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

There were 15 guests present.

3. Approval of Agenda

McCarty moved approval of the agenda as presented; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

4. Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

5. Presentation from Steven Garrett, Districting Master

Chair Seinfeld provided opening remarks stating the Committee is interested in transparency and receiving as much public input as possible. She corrected an article that appeared in the Tacoma News Tribune regarding future meeting dates which stated Steven Garrett is a member of the Committee. She said Mr. Garrett is not a member of the Committee but rather is retained by the Committee on a contract and performing the job for the Committee.

Steven Garrett provided background information and explained mapping changes since the last meeting by way of a PowerPoint presentation (a copy is contained in the meeting file as Handout No. 1). He said June 28 is the final day for his work, and the changes will be adopted January 1, 2012.

6. Committee Questions and Discussion of Districting Master's Presentation

McCarty complimented Garrett for the work he has done. Garrett answered questions of the Districting Committee.

7. Public Testimony

Chair Seinfeld announced there will be a 3-minute time limit for public testimony.

The following individuals thanked Garrett for his work and provided public testimony: Tom Hilyard, Claudia Finseth, Jim Akers, Larry Vaughn, Dan Haire, Dennis Young, Phillip Bradford, Roger Ansteth, Stacy Emerson, Bud Rehberg, Jim Halmo, Benjamin Anderstone, and Justin Leighton.

Garrett responded to questions raised throughout public testimony.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Districting Committee is scheduled for May 26, 2011, at 7 p.m. at Fife High School.

Ross requested that the District 4 meeting be scheduled in a location as far east of the district as possible.

9. Other Business

There was no other business to report.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Districting Committee adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Attest:

Linda Medley, Committee Clerk

Approved:

Karen Seinfeld, Chair

Date